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REGARDS,
THE VAST MAJORITY OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING YOU MANGA & ANIME.

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READY, FREDDIE?

MY NAME IS JOHN, MISTRESS. AND YES, I'M READY. ALWAYS.

STAGE 22
EXPERIENCE POINTERS

AND HERE THEY COME! FOLKS, THESE TWO TEAMS ARE SO EASY ON THE EYES...

...WE SHOULD CANCEL THE MATCH, JUST SO THEIR FACES DON'T GET REARRANGED!

BUT WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT?

SO, IN THE RED CORNER, WE HAVE THE GAME'S SEXIEST TREASURE HUNTERS! THEY'RE CLEARLY A COUPLE OF THIEVES, BECAUSE THEY'VE STOLEN THE HEARTS OF EVERY GUY IN THIS ARENA!

BUT ENOUGH WITH THE PICKUP LINES! GET READY TO FALL FOR TEAM FALLEN ANGEL, K.C. AND JULIE!!

HELLOOOOO, LUCIFERIA! I LOVE YOU, TOO! ARE YOU READY TO ROCK?

ROCK! WE DO NO ROCKING HERE...

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!

YOU'RE NOT ON STAGE! YOU'RE A TREASURE HUNTER, REMEMBER? NOT A POP DIVA!

WHAT'S IT LOOK LIKE I'M DOING? I'M WARMING UP THE CROWD!

WOW! SHE SURE KNOWS HOW TO WORK A ROOM!

YEAH, WELL, SHE TURNS COLORS IF SHE ISN'T THE CENTER OF ATTENTION...

YOW!

PINCH

YOU TWO LOOK FAMILIAR. REALLY, REALLY FAMILIAR. HAVE I SEEN YOU SOMEWHERE BEFORE?

THAT'S IT! YOU'RE THAT AWFUL POP DUO, THE LOVELY ANGELS!

UM... WE WISH!

WHAT WOULD POP STARS LIKE THEM BE DOING DOWN HERE WITH A BUNCH OF GAME GEEKS? I HEAR THEIR NEW SINGLE ROCKS, THOUGH...

THAT HURT!

MISTER MANAGER SAID NO MORE PINCHING! REMEMBER?

YOU ALL SHOULD GO BUY IT!

UH... LADIES...

SEE THIS?! IT'S GOING TO BRUISE!

AND THERE ISN'T GOING TO A BIG OL'KNOT ON MY HEAD?!

EH? EH?

WELL, YOUR HEAD IS HARDER THAN MY BUTT!

YOU'D KNOW WITH YOUR HEAD SO FAR UP IT!

SAUCER OF MILK! RED CORNER!

WHERE HAVE I SEEN THOSE GIRLS BEFORE?

NO, REFRESH MY MEMORY.

THEY'RE THE ONES THAT TRAPPED US IN THAT HOLE!

JEEZ, BOROMID. DON'T YOU REMEMBER?

OH, RIGHT... RIGHT.

THAT RINGS A BELL.

WHY'D THEY DO THAT AGAIN?

I BLAME THE MTV VIDEO GAMES FOR THESE MEMORY GAPS...

BEATS ME. MAYBE ROTO REMEMBERS.

AND IN THE BLUE CORNER--!

LET'S HAVE A BIG HAND FOR RAPHA AND JOHN!!

THIS TEAM IS PROOF THAT OPPOSITES ATTRACT! RAPHA IS A HOLY CLERIC AND JOHN IS AN ASSASSIN!

MY JOHNNIE...

BUT IT'S NOT JUST THEIR CLASS COMBINATION THAT MAKES THIS COUPLE SPECIAL.

JOHN HERE ISN'T YOUR AVERAGE BACKSTABBER...

...HE'S RAPHA'S "GUARDIAN!" IMAGINE THIS, LADIES...

HE'S TALL, HOT AND DANGEROUS-- AND HE TAKES ORDERS! FOR GIRLS NOT IN THE KNOW, A GUARDIAN IS AN NPC BODYGUARD. PICK UP SOME THIRD-PARTY SOFTWARE AND YOU CAN DESIGN YOUR OWN KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR!

AND MOST BEGINNERS CAN'T AFFORD TO PATCH UP THEIR GUARDIANS ONCE THEY GET HURT TOO BADLY, EITHER...

SINCE MOST GUARDIANS START OUT AT LEVEL THREE, THEY'RE A GOOD IDEA FOR YOU NOOBS JUST PICKING UP THE GAME.

...WHICH IS WHERE THE GUARDIAN'S REAL WEAKNESS COMES INTO PLAY.

BUT A GUARDIAN'S AI MAKES THEM SLOWER IN COMBAT, SO ONCE PLAYERS GET SOME EXPERIENCE THEY USUALLY GET RID OF THEIR TREINING WHEELS!

DEATH!

IF A PLAYER GETS SNUFFED, THEY RESPAWN AT THEIR LAST SAVE POINT.

Player

Death!!

-some EXP

PC

Guardian

Game over!!

BUT FOR A GUARDIAN, DEATH IS REALLY GAME OVER. THEY'RE GONE. DELETED. AND ALL THEIR LEVELS AND EXPERIENCE WITH THEM.

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I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT GAME DEATH FROM AN NPC'S PERSPECTIVE...

I WONDER IF YUREKA'S ONLY GOT ONE SHOT, TOO...

AND SO IT'S ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE THAT JOHN HAS MADE IT ALL THE WAY...

...TO LEVEL 91!

THERE HAD BEEN MUCH SACRIFICE

WITHOUT DYING ONCE!!

VERY FEW GUARDIANS MAKE IT PAST LEVEL 20...

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WHAT'S UP? I'M BUSY WORKING IT!

YEAH... WELL... WORK IT INTO GEAR.

LOOK BEHIND ME.

Get on with the fighting and killing already expression

Shut down the entire Game if that's what it takes to shut her up! expression

EEP!

I'D...UH...START THE MATCH IF I WERE YOU.

SO WITHOUT FURTHER ADO...

...LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD!!

I DON'T GET NO RESPECT

YOU GUYS LOOK LIKE YOU'RE READY TO ROCK!

SO, MAY THE BEST TEAM WIN!!

WOW, A LEVEL 91 ASSASSIN! I'M, LIKE, REAL IMPRESSED.

STRENGTH UP!

SHAKING IN MY BOOTS... REALLY.

AFTER ALL, WE'RE ONLY MASTER-LEVEL THIEVES!

THAT'S 90TH LEVEL, KIDS.

WHAT? THOSE TWO CHUMPS MADE MASTER-LEVEL?

CUTE CLAWS, BLONDIE. YOUR MISTRESS MUST'VE CUT HER TEETH ON STREET FIGHTER II!

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MASK, VEGA?

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HOLY SHIELD!

THOSE TWO ARE ONLY CARRYING DAGGERS! EITHER THEY'VE GOT SOMETHING UP THEIR SLEEVES...

...OR THEY'RE BETTER FIGHTERS THAN WE THOUGHT!

SPEED, UP!

HEALING FACTOR, UP!

ARMOR, UP!

UP UP UP

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WHAT'S THE MATTER, PUNK? YOU SCARED?!

THOSE PRAYERS WON'T SAVE YOUR ASS.

UP UP 떠링 떠링

NYAH NYAH!

CALM DOWN, JULES!

SHE'S ALREADY MADE HER MISTAKE! SINKING ALL HER MANA INTO THOSE PROTECTION PRAYERS!

THEY DON'T LAST FOREVER. SOONER OR LATER THEY'LL WEAR OFF, AND THEN THE GAME'S OVER!

THAT'S TRUE, MY PRAYERS DON'T LAST FOREVER...

...BUT YOU'VE GOT TO SURVIVE UNTIL THEY WEAR OFF!!

TIE UP JOHNNIE-BOY WHILE I TAKE HER OUT!

YOU GOT THE LITTLE ONE LAST TIME!

ALL RIGHT, WELL, I'LL FINISH HER OFF QUICK AND COME HELP YOU OUT!!

OKAY!

READY TO DIE?!

NOT TODAY, GIRLIE!

HOLY CROSS!

!

UMPH!

TOC

A MAGIC SHIELD. CUTE.

BUT YOU FORGOT ONE THING!

WHAT'S THAT?

MAYBE I CAN'T GET AT YOU...

...BUT YOU'RE TRAPPED IN THERE!

SO?

SO NOW YOUR GUARDIAN IS ALONE OUT HERE! WITH BOTH OF US! AND YOU CAN'T HELP HIM!

SO?

JOHN'S A BIG BOY.

YOU'RE JUST GOING TO LET US DOUBLE-TEAM HIM?

WHY NOT? I'M OUT OF MANA.

I COULDN'T HELP HIM IF I WANTED TO.

BUT THAT'S OKAY. JOHNNIE CAN TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF.

GIRLS LIKE YOU MAKE ME SICK. HIDING BEHIND A MAN LIKE THAT!

JULIE ONLY LOOKS CUTE. SHE TOOK OUT...

...THE ENTIRE OAK TOWN GANG HERSELF!

SHE'LL BE MAKING YOUR BOY TOY BARK LIKE A DOG IN A MINUTE!

YOWL!!

DON'T TELL ME...

WOOF WAS THAT? I DIDN'T HEAR YOU...

ZZ

WOW!

THAT GUARDIAN'S STRONG. FAST, TOO. EVEN WITHOUT THOSE BUFFS SHE WAS LAYING ON HIM.

HEY, BOROMID, HOW COME YOU NEVER BUFF ME UP LIKE THAT?

BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT AS CUTE AS HE IS!

BESIDES, SHE'S A CLERIC. I'M A PRIEST. WE DON'T HAVE THAT MANY OF THOSE "POWER-UP" PRAYERS.

THE WHOLE COMBAT-HEALING THING IS MORE OUR BAG.

I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT...

YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY I EVEN BOTHER TO PATCH YOU UP! AND NOW YOU WANT ME TO BUFF YOU UP, TOO? INGRATE

I'M JUST THINKING... IF A HIGH-LEVEL CLERIC USES ALL HER MANA TO BUFF OUT A HIGH-LEVEL WARRIOR...THEN HE'S PROBABLY AS POWERFUL AS AN S-CLASS MONSTER!

IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT? TAKING OUT A GANG OF BANDITS?

WANT TO KNOW WHAT JOHN'S BEATEN?

S-CLASS? THAT MEANS...

...HE TOOK OUT THE DRAGON MATRIA!

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STAGE 23
IT BUILDS CHARACTERS

THE DRAGON MATRIA?!

HEE HEE HEE...

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!!

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!

THAT'S PRETTY GOOD?

PRETTY GOOD? IT'S STUPERIFICALLY AMAZINGLY INCREDULOUS!

NO TWO PLAYERS HAVE EVER BEATEN A DRAGON BY THEMSELVES!

A PARTY OF MASTER-LEVEL PLAYERS WOULD HAVE A HARD TIME!

BUT DIDN'T YOU GUYS TAKE OUT A ZOMBIE DRAGON AT THE TERROR TOWER?

COMPARED TO A LIVE DRAGON, THAT THING WAS A JOKE!

NO INTELLIGENCE! NO MAGIC! AND MOST OF ALL, NO POWERS OF DECEPTION. THAT'S WHAT REALLY MAKES A DRAGON DANGEROUS.

FROM WHAT I HEAR, THEY COULD EVEN BE SMARTER THAN HUMANS, BUT NO ONE'S GOTTEN CLOSE ENOUGH TO QUIZ THEM.

HOW CAN THAT BE?

YEAH, A DRAGON WOULD HAVE TO BE AN NPC LIKE ME. A HUMAN WOULD HAVE TO HAVE PROGRAMMED IT.

WELL, RUMOR HAS IT THAT...

...DRAGONS ARE ACTUALLY *PCS*, PLAYED BY DEXON EMPLOYEES!

IS THAT RIGHT? DID HE REALLY KILL MATRIA? WHY WASN'T I TOLD?

NOT ACCORDING TO PROGRAMMING. SOUNDS LIKE SHE'S JUST TRYING TO PSYCH OUT THE GIRLS.

AS FAR AS I KNOW, NO PLAYER'S BEATEN A DRAGON SINCE WE HELD THE DRAGON HUNT.

AND REMEMBER THAT? IT TOOK AN ARMY OF NPCS AND THE CREAM OF THE GUILDS TO TAKE OUT A HATCHLING BLACK DRAGON.

HOW FUNNY WAS THAT? WATCHING THEM SCATTER IN FRONT OF THAT LITTLE RUNT!

AND THAT WAS A PARTY OF MORE THAN A HUNDRED THERE'S NO WAY JUST THE TWO OF THEM COULD HAVE...

BUT...

THAT'S GIVING ME AN IDEA...

OH NO!

AND THAT DRAGON WAS STILL WET BEHIND ITS EARS!

BUT THE DRAGON MATRIA IS ONE OF THE THREE ANCIENT DRAGONS!! TIAMAT, BAHAMUT AND MATRIA ARE THE DRAGON LORDS OF THE DARKSIDE!

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I DON'T BUY IT.

IF HE SAID HE BEAT SOME AVERAGE DRAGON, MAYBE. BUT MATRIA? COME ON!

YA THINK?

IF HE TOOK OUT ONE OF THE ANCIENT DRAGONS...

...THEN HE'S PROBABLY THE BADDEST WARRIOR IN THE GAME!

AND HE'S AN NPC!

THE DRAGON MATRIA? YOU'VE GOT TO BE JOKING.

HA HA, I LAUGH, HEAR ME GIGGLE.

FINE, DON'T BELIEVE IT.

BUT I HOPE YOU'VE BACKED UP YOUR CHARACTER RECENTLY...

UH... HI.

CALM DOWN, GIRL... DON'T LET HER GET TO YOU.

HE'S JUST AN NPC! YOU'VE FACED TOUGHER MOBS THAN HIM!

HE'S GOT TO HAVE A WEAKNESS. THINK.

...!!

YOUR MIND-GAMES WON'T WORK.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS.

YOU SURE TALK TOUGH FOR SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T EVEN GET HER HANDS DIRTY!

AT LEAST I FIGHT FOR MYSELF, INSTEAD OF HIDING BEHIND MR. RENT-A-RAZOR!

HEE HEE!

LOOK OUT!

YIKES!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

HMPH!

WEREN'T YOU JUST SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT NOT HIDING?!

I'M GETTING DIZZY!! STICK HER QUICK, JOHN!

HUH? WHERE'D SHE GO?

NOT THERE.

NOT THERE.

NOT THERE.

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AH-DOL! DID YOU JUST SEE WHAT I DIDN'T?

YEAH... I MEAN, NO... I MEAN, MAYBE...

WHERE'D SHE GO? SHE WAS HERE A MINUTE AGO.

SHE'S GONE!! SHE PUNKED OUT! THAT MEANS WE WIN!

NOT QUITE!

YOU JUST CAN'T SEE HOW MUCH TROUBLE YOU'RE IN!

CAN A MASTER THIEF DISAPPEAR IN BROAD DAYLIGHT!

I DON'T THINK SO.

THE "HIDE IN SHADOWS" THIEF SKILL WORKS THROUGH MISDIRECTION.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE IF YOU'RE IN A WIDE-OPEN SPACE.

LOOK AS HARD AS YOU CAN! YOU'LL NEVER FIND HER!

YOU'VE FOUGHT A DRAGON, NOW TRY FIGHTING A GHOST!

I DON'T GET IT...

DID SHE HAVE AN INVISIBILITY CLOAK?

SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

THIS IS RIDICULOUS!

USUALLY IT TAKES A MAGICIAN TO MAKE A GIRL DISAPPEAR. THAT'S GIRL POWER FOR YOU.

HOW'D SHE DO IT?

DIDN'T YOU SEE HER TIE ON THAT DO-RAG?!

EITHER SHE SUDDENLY REALIZED SHE WAS HAVING A BAD HAIR DAY, OR...

SHE USED AN INVISIBILITY SCARF!

WOW! HOW COOL! THINK SHE'LL WIN NOW? IT'S GOT TO BE PRETTY TOUGH TO FIGHT SOMEONE YOU CAN'T SEE.

WELL... I CAN THINK OF A COUPLE WAYS...

SHE COULDN'T USE ONE OF THOSE WITHOUT REALLY BEING A MASTER THIEF!

ANY AREA-EFFECT SPELL WOULD WORK, OR YOU COULD USE SOMETHING LIKE THE FIRE TRAIL. YOU WANT A DEMONSTRATION?

NO! NO! I GET THE IDEA!

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GRRR...

HEADS UP, JOHN. THIS FIGHT ISN'T OVER.

NO? REALLY?

SHE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH REACH WITH HER DAGGER, SO SHE'LL HAVE TO ATTACK FROM INSIDE YOUR RANGE. THAT'LL BE YOUR MOMENT!

PUT THE BLAST SHIELD DOWN... REACH OUT WITH YOUR FEELINGS...

THANKS, OBI-WAN...

GOOD PLAN, BUT...

GROPE

...YOU DIDN'T COUNT ON THIS!

A THROWING KNIFE? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! YOU CAN BARELY MOVE, LET ALONE FIGHT!

YOU KNOW...

...YOU'RE RIGHT. I'M DONE. I'M OUTTA HERE.

K.C... IT'S ALL YOU. MAKE ME PROUD, GIRL!

HER THROWING KNIFE IS...

...DISAP-PEARING!!

I'M AUDI... 5000...

JOHN!! SHE'S OVER THERE! GET HER!

URGH...!!

YOU'VE GOT HER!
FINISH HER OFF!

HEY! LEGGO!

CAN'T YOU SEE I'M TRYING TO SLEEP! GOD, YOU ARE SO ANNOYING!

K.C., WOULD YOU PLEASE STICK TO THE PLAN AND ESCAPE! NOW!!

GAAAH!!

I THOUGHT SHE WAS OUT OF THE MIX!

UH... THANKS, JULES...

DAMMIT! SHE'S GONE!

JOHN!

HUH?

YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING STUCK TO YOUR SHOE.

SCRAPE IT OFF. IT'S BOTHERING ME.

WITH PLEASURE, MISTRESS.

HOLD IT THERE, SCRATCHY! IF YOU KILL ME NOW...

...YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SAY!

LET ME GUESS, YOU'RE GOING TO BEG FOR YOUR LIFE?

NOPE!

WEE-YOW-YOW!!

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OUT-OF-BOUNDS!

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I FEEL A GREAT SENSE OF LOSS...

WHAT THE--?! A BOOMERANG?!

THAT'S YOUR PLAN? TO USE A BOOMERANG?! THAT'S THE STUPIDEST THING I'VE EVER SEEN!

JOHN, WATCH WHERE THE BOOMERANG RETURNS TO! THEN BRING BACK THAT PIGLET IN CROSS-SECTIONS!

HMPH!

?!

IT'S COMING BACK AROUND! LOOK OUT, JOHN!

HOW'S IT DOING THAT?!

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

NEVER SEEN A GLAIVE OF YNYR BEFORE?! PRETTY NEAT, HUH?

ITS USER CONTROLS ITS FLIGHT!

IT'S MY MASTER-CLASS ITEM!

THAT'S CHEATING!

YOU'RE OUT-OF-BOUNDS! YOU CAN'T FIGHT ANYMORE!

I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING.

I COULDN'T CONTROL IT THROUGH THE SHIELD BARRIER ANYWAYS.

K.C.'S FLYING THAT PLANE!

YOU'RE LYING! YOU'RE INVOLVED SOMEHOW!

YOU WANNA STEP OUT FROM BEHIND THAT FORCE FIELD AND MAKE SOMETHING OF IT!

TAKE A LAST LOOK AT YOUR PARTNER. HE'S SECONDS AWAY FROM BECOMING CUBE STEAK.

HUH?!

WITH ALL THE BUFFS YOU LAID ON HIM, HE CAN DODGE THAT BULLET.

BUT ONCE THOSE WEAR OFF, HOW LONG UNTIL HE MAKES A MISTAKE?

BWAHAHAHA

AND WHAT ABOUT YOU!? THAT SHIELD OF YOURS CAN'T LAST MUCH LONGER!

WHEN IT FADES, YOU'RE GONNA LOOK LIKE SOMETHING OFF A HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH TRAY!

HERE IT COMES!

GULP!

HEE HEE

JOHN! INCOMING, THREE O'CLOCK!

TOF

JOHNNIE!!

THAT HAD TO HURT...

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EW!

HIS BLOOD...

YIPES!

HE CAN SEE THE BLOOD!!

...!!

K.C.!! YOU IDIOT!

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WOW.

DIDN'T SEE THAT COMING! BUT THEN AGAIN, NEITHER DID SHE! RAPHA AND JOHN ARE THE WINNERS!!
JOHN! THAT WAS SO BRAVE! DOES IT HURT?
YES. YES IT DOES. LOTS.
PSYCHO...
GONNA PUKE...
IF HE'S AN NPC, THEN HE REALLY FEELS HOW MUCH THAT HURTS...
...
THAT STRATEGY WORKED REALLY WELL.
BUT AGAINST THE DRAGON MATRIA?

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STAGE 24
FOR THE LOVE OF IT

DON'T BE SUCH A SOURPUSS! THAT MATCH WAS FUN!
WE'RE UP NEXT. GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME.
LOOSEN UP!
OUR HEADS ARE THE ONLY PARTS OF US THAT ARE IN THE GAME! WHAT'D YOU THINK OF THAT LAST MATCH?!

SO THAT'S HOW THEY BEAT THE DRAGON MAFIA.
THEN I KNOW WHAT I'M HUNTING TOMORROW NIGHT.
I HEAR THAT IT'S GOT TO BE BULL

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JOHN!
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT? YOU'RE STARTING TO LOOK KIND OF GRAY!

IT'S NOT SO BAD. I'M JUST FEELING KIND OF FAINT...
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY ISN'T HIS ARM HEALING?!!

I DON'T KNOW! HIS BLOOD WON'T CLOT!
I THINK THAT BLADE WAS POISONED WITH SOMETHING NASTY.
WHAT? WHY NOT?
IT'S SHUTTING DOWN HIS SYSTEMS FASTE THAN I CAN HEAL THEM!
I TRIED ALL THE HEALING SPELLS I KNOW. I'M OUT OF TRICKS.
DON'T YOU WORK FOR DEXON?! THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO!
LOOK, I'M JUST A MANAGEMENT TRAINEE-- ROLE-PLAYING A HEALER.
AREN'T YOU SOME HIGH-LEVEL CLERIC?!

YEAH, BUT I'M OUT OF MANA!
GET ME A MANA POTION AND I'LL DO IT MYSELF!!
WHAT? YOU DON'T HAVE ANY ON YOU?!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO YELL. I'LL LOOK AROUND.
WHAT IF HE DIES BEFORE YOU GET BACK?!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO TELL YOU. EITHER I STAY HERE, OR I GO LOOK FOR SOME MANA...
DOES ANYBODY HAVE ANY MANA POTION?!
I BETTER GET OVERTIME FOR THIS
BLOOD
MANA POTION?! ANYONE?!

DON'T BOTHER.
AUDIENCE MEMBERS HAVE TO CHECK ALL WEAPONS AND MAGIC GEAR AT THE ENTRANCE.
YOU'RE KIDDING!
I NEED SOME MANA POTION OVER HERE! STAT!
JOHN!
DON'T GIVE UP! KEEP FIGHTING!
I DIDN'T WANT TO DO THIS IN PUBLIC.
BUT IF JOHN IS REALLY IN DANGER, THEN WHAT CHOICE DO I HAVE?

GODDESS, BEFORE YOU A LIFE FLICKERS LIKE A FLAME--
HOLD YOUR HORSES, LITTLE LADY! YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT!
HUH...?
MIND IF I GIVE IT A SHOT? DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU'VE GOT MUCH TO LOSE...

MY, MY...
...THIS IS SERIOUS. ANOTHER COUPLE MINUTES AND YOU'D BE SHOPPING FOR A NEW GUARDIAN.
LET'S SEE...
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GET OFF HIM, YOU VAMPIRE WEIRDO GUY!!
HEY! YOU'RE DISTRACTING AN ARTIST AT WORK!!
KINDA TASTES LIKE...CHICKEN!
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IT'S AN OPEDIAN POISON. THEY'RE A FAMILY OF RARE--BUT POTENT--HEMOTOXINS. LUCKY FOR YOU, IT'S PURELY BIOLOGICAL.
NO MAGIC INVOLVED WHATSOEVER.
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I HAD SOMETHING FOR THAT, SOMEWHERE... WHERE'S THAT DESERT TOAD LIQUOR?
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A LITTLE OF THIS...
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NOW, CHEW THESE HERBS. THEY'LL HELP STOP THE BLEEDING.
AND A SPRITZ OF THIS HERE JUNGLE JUICE. IT'S A PAINKILLER, BUT IT WILL PROBABLY MAKE YOU SLEEPY...
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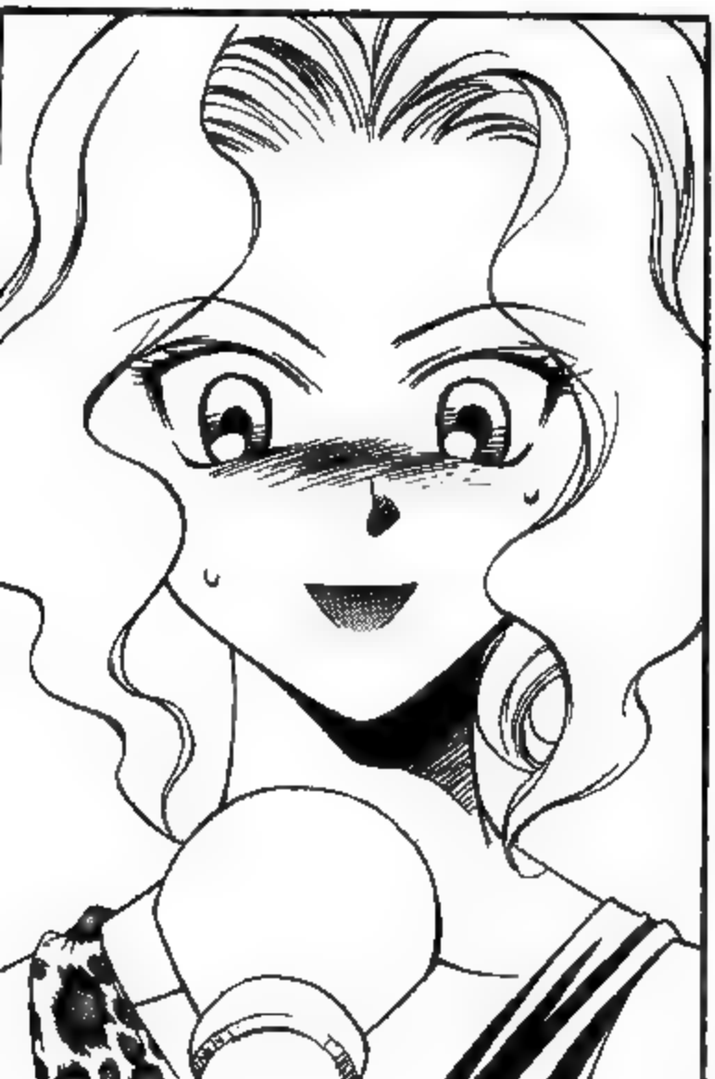
IT DOESN'T DO MUCH FOR PLAYERS, BUT ON NPCS, IT WORKS WONDERS. NEVER FIGURED OUT WHY.

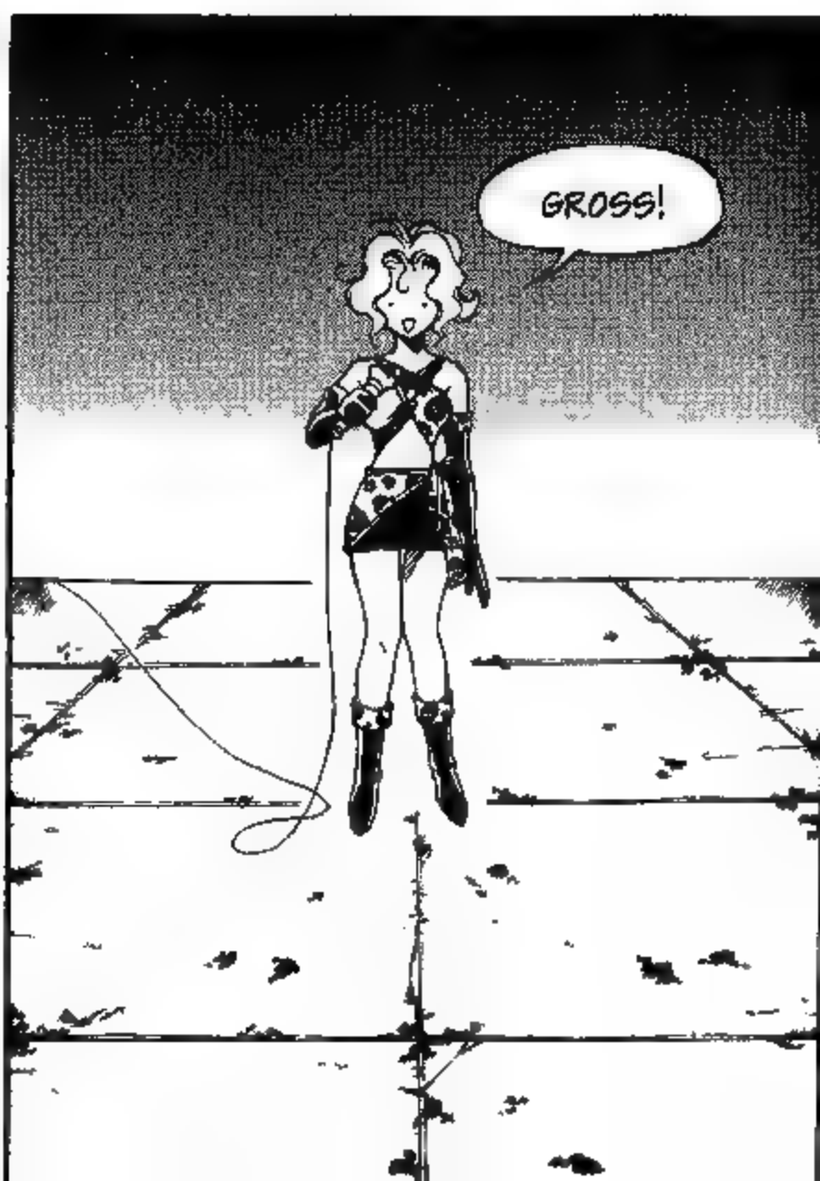
AHH...
AHH...
YOU LOOK BETTER ALREADY.
THAT SHOULD STOP THE POISON. AT LEAST NOW YOU'LL HAVE TIME TO FIND A PROPER HEALER.
THANK... THANK YOU.
WHERE DID YOU LEARN ALL THAT? I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT!
REALLY? IT'S JUST A LITTLE EARTH MEDICINE...
...HITCHED TO THE TASTE IDENTIFICATION SKILL.
IT'S SOMETHING MOST PLAYERS NEVER BOTHER LEARNING. THEY'D RATHER BE GIBBERING MOBS. CAN'T SAY I BLAME THEM.

I HAD TO EAT A BUNCH OF STUFF I REALLY SHOULDN'T HAVE TO MASTER THAT SKILL. I DIED MORE TIMES THAN I CAN COUNT! BUT I DON'T THINK THERE'S A POISON IN LOST SAGA I CAN'T I.D.
THAT'S VERY... INTERESTING...
BLAH BLAH
WOULDN'T YOU BE BETTER OFF IF YOU'D SPENT THAT TIME LEARNING HEALING MAGIC?
IN A TYPICAL BATTLE, YOU DON'T GET A LOT OF... TASTING TIME...
YEAH, BUT...
...WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT?!
UH...YEAH. I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN... SORTA.
ALPHA!

WE'RE UP NEXT!
OKAY! I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!
GET IT TOGETHER!
TAKE CARE OF HIM! I'LL SEE YOU LATER.
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
WAIT A SECOND!
YOU WERE SAYING SOMETHING?
WHY ARE YOU WASTING YOUR TIME ON THEM?
HE'S A COMPET-ITOR!

HE KNEW EXACTLY WHAT I WAS ABOUT TO DO TO SAVE JOHN!! THAT MEANS HE'S A...

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WE'RE NOT HOLDING THE NEXT MATCH UNTIL YOU MOP UP OR SOMETHING!
I'LL SEND FOR THE VAMP BRIGADE.
WHICH LAST TIME I VOLUNTEER FOR ONLINE DUTY
WHAT'S THE HOLD UP?
IT'LL JUST BE A SECOND. THE LAST GUYS GOT BLOOD EVERYWHERE.
DID YOU SAY BLOOD?
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT FOR YOU.

UH... OKAY. THAT SURE IS ONE WEIRD MOP YOU'RE FIGHTING WITH, MISTER.
YEAH, YEAH. JUST STAND BACK!
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ELIXIR OF LIFE, UNCHAINED FROM YOUR BONDS...
I GIVE YOU NEW LIFE...
MAKE YOUR SECOND ROUND!
EEEK!
BARK...
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ARISE, MY BLOOD GOLEM!

YEAACCHH! GET AWAY FROM ME!
YOU DON'T LIKE THEM? BUT THEY'RE SO CUTE....
GET THEM OUT OF HERE. NOW.
FINE! THEY'LL BE MY CHEERLEADERS. GUYS, TAKE FIVE.
Woooo!
Woooo!
BLOOP!

I TAKE IT HE'S A NECROMANCER?
GUESS SO, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S PLANNING TO REANIMATE. DO YOU SEE ANY CORPSES LYING AROUND?
WE MAY HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT.
OKAY...
GREAT, ARE WE READY TO START?
YOU'VE BEEN VERY PATIENT, FOLKS!
NOW, ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE THE FINAL MATCH OF THIS ROUND!

IN THE RED CORNER, TEAM BALTISSE AND LAZARUS!
THEY'RE A NECROMANCER AND A WARRIOR!
AND THEY GIVE ME THE... SCREAMING HEEBIE-JEEBIES!
AND THEIR OPPONENTS...
...LOOKING HOT IN THE BLUE CORNER...

...ARE TEAM ARADON AND ALPHA!!
LADIES, THESE TWO SORCERERS ARE DEFINITELY MAGIC MEN! I KNOW I'M UNDER THEIR SPELL!

ARADON...!!
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN HE'D BE HERE!
WHO CARES ABOUT HIM?
JUST MAKE MY PANEL BIGGER!! WHY DO I ALWAYS GET THE SMALLEST ONE?!

NOW, ARADON, YOU'RE A SORCERER...
...BUT YOU'RE CARRYING A SWORD. WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?
IT COMES IN HANDY FOR LETTING THE AIR OUT OF ANNOYING RING ANNOUNCERS.
OH... ER... I SEE.
CUTE. BUT A JERK.
NOT EVERY SORCERER HAS A BEARD AND A POINTY HAT.
JUST TRYING TO MAKE CONVERSATION, I SEE...
SO MUCH FOR LIVELY INTRODUCTIONS.
ALL RIGHT! ON YOUR MARKS!

FIGHT!!
YEE HEE HEE! DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THEY BROUGHT ALONG A PRIEST... WHAT DO YOU SAY, LAZZY?
YARGH!!
THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT KIND OF UNDEAD SERVANTS A HIGH-LEVEL NECRO CAN COOK UP. BUT WITHOUT ANYTHING DEAD TO ANIMATE, WHAT'S HE GOING TO DO?
TRY AND KNOCK ONE OF US OFF TO USE HIS CORPSE AGAINST THE OTHER?
YEE HEE HEE! A CORPSE! A CORPSE! MY KINGDOM FOR A CORPSE!!

YAAARH!!
LAZARUS! ONE CORPSE, PLEASE!
IF YOU THINK WE'RE GOING DOWN THAT EASY...
...YOU'VE GOT ANOTHER THING COMING!
WHAT THE...?!

ARRRGH...
YEE HEE HEE! WELL, WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT?
YOU KNOW IT LOOKS LIKE... A CORPSE! OF CORPSE IT IS! FUNNY, RIGHT?!
.....?
"FUNNY" BUT NOT "HA HA" FUNNY
THIS GUY'S NUTS!
LAZZY! I MISS YOU!!
YE SOULS WHO SLUMBER DEEPEST, WHOSE GLORY NEVER HATH ELLED MORTAL EYES.
UNTO THIS SHELL, IMPART YOUR POWER AND... ARISE!

YEE HEE HEE!!! LAZZY, YOU'RE BACK!
OKAY, SO NOW HORNY OVER THERE IS SOME KIND OF ZOMBIE. THAT SHOULD MAKE HIM A PIECE OF CAKE, RIGHT?
QUICK RE-SPAWN THERE
NOT NECESSARILY...
A HIGH-LEVEL WARRIOR-TURNED-ZOMBIE WON'T BE A WALK IN THE PARK. AND IF HIS MASTER'S POWERFUL ENOUGH...
...HE CAN BOOST HIS ZOMBIE'S STATS! THE BADDER THE MASTER, THE BADDER THE MONSTER.
AND JUDGING BY THE SIZE OF THAT AX, I DON'T THINK LAZZY'S HERE TO TAP DANCE...
WHAT THE...?!
OKAY, SMARTGUY. WHAT'RE THEY DOING NOW?
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE "THE HUSTLE..."

YEE HEE HEE!
THAT LAZARUS IS GETTING TO BE A REAL PAIN IN THE NECK...
IS THAT... THE RING OF VENGEANCE?

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CORPSE OF A DIFFERENT COLOR

YEE HEE HEE!!!
YEE HEE HEE!!!

ALPHA?

YEAH?

YOU'RE A MAN OF THE WORLD. WOULD YOU MIND TELLING ME JUST WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE?!

NOT AT ALL.

SEE THE RING CREEPY MCCREEPLESWORTH IS WEARING?

IT REALLY BRINGS OUT HIS EYES. WHAT ABOUT IT?

LAZZY! THE INVITE SAID THIS WAS A DEAD MAN'S PARTY!

THEY'RE SO NOT DEAD! FIX THAT!

YAAR!!

I'M GUESSING THAT RING IS OUR REAL PROBLEM!

YOU ARE CORRECT, SIR!

IT'S A UNIQUE ITEM, BY THE WAY. THE RING OF VENGEANCE!

WONDERFUL. WHAT'S IT DO?

LIKE YOU SAID, IT LOOKS REALLY SLICK.

YOU JUST CAN'T PULL OFF THE KEITH-RICHARDS-TURNED-WITCH DOCTOR LOOK WITHOUT THE RIGHT ACCESSORIES.

I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT. WHAT ELSE?

FOR STARTERS, IN THE EVENT OF A FATALITY, IT RESURRECTS ITS WEARER.

QUITE THE BACK-UP PLAN. SO NOW CREEPSHOW JOE IS BOTH A ZOMBIE AND HIS OWN NECROMANCER!

GYAAAH!!

NAH!

LAZZY'S THE ZOMBIE. THE ONE WHO ATE TOO MUCH COUNT CHOCULA IS HIS OWN BOSS.

SO HE'S MORE LIKE A LICH!

YEAH! MORE OR LESS. LESS OR MORE.

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GRRR!

YAUK!

BIG DEAL. I EAT LICHES FOR BREAKFAST. FIGURATIVELY SPEAKING, OF COURSE.

YEAH, WELL, I HAVEN'T GOTTEN TO THE KICKER.

THE RING OF VENGEANCE BOOSTS YOUR REINCARNATION'S LEVELS BY HALF!

SO IF YOU WERE LEVEL 60, YOUR REINCARNATION CHECKS IN AT 90. THE BETTER TO EXACT VENGEANCE ON WHOEVER KILLED YOU, PRESUMABLY.

OH...CUTE.

WHAT IF YOU WERE ALREADY AT LEVEL 90?

YOU'D PROBABLY LEVEL UP TO 155. BUT SINCE 99 IS THE LIMIT, I DON'T KNOW.

LAZARUS! THEY'RE JUST A COUPLE OF SORCERERS! RUN THEM DOWN!

GHECK!

GRACK!

I GET IT NOW. NICE TRY.

DEATH TO THE LIVING!

ARUUEEHH!

EWWW!

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LAZZY!! YOUR ARMOR WAS IMPENETRABLE! YOU CAN'T JUST GO TO PIECES ON ME LIKE THIS!

WHAT? DIDN'T YOU BRING ANY THREAD?

ARMOR HASN'T BEEN MADE THAT CAN STAND UP TO THE SWORD OF HARMONY!

PFAA! SWORD OF HARMONY? THAT'S THE BEST NAME YOU COULD COME UP WITH?!

WELL, YEAH. IT'S A HOLY SWORD...

IT BRINGS TOGETHER THE POWER OF FIRE, WATER, ENERGY, EARTH, SKY AND SPIRIT...

...IN HARMONY.

INSPIRED!

BUT YOU'RE GOING TO NEED MORE THAN A MAGIC SWORD TO BEAT ME!!

STONE GOLEM!!

MAGIC MISSILE!

FIRE...
FIREBALL
!!

ROOKIE MISTAKE. TRYING TO COMPLETE A COMPLICATED SPELL WITHOUT ANYONE COVERING YOU.

QUENCH!

GOOD THING I'M DEAD ALREADY, OR THAT WOULD HAVE REALLY HURT...

RADIANCE OF SPIRIT!

DEATH IS BUT THE BEGINNING!!

HOW COULD YOU BEAT ME?

I'M AT LEVEL 120!

NO, YOU WERE ONLY AT LEVEL 80. AND NOW YOU'RE DEAD...FOR REAL.

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THAT WAS... REALLY...KINDA... GREAT!

WHAT A WAY WITH WORDS, MS. ANNOUNCER.

WHAT A DAY, EH, FOLKS? EACH MATCH STRANGER THAN THE LAST!

ARADON DIDN'T EVEN LOOK LIKE HE BROKE A SWEAT THERE! AND ALPHA MIGHT AS WELL HAVE BEEN TAKING A NAP!

HIGH FIVE!

CRAZY!

THAT WAS EASILY THE MOST COMMANDING WIN IN A DAY OF SPECTACULAR WINS!

ARADON'S NOT SO TOUGH...

HEY, ROTO, WASN'T IT COOL WHEN ARADON WHIPPED OUT HIS HOLY SWORD? YOU GOT ONE OF THOSE?

I DO.

REALLY? C'MON! LEMME SEE IT! PUH-LEASE?!

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IF YOU DON'T SHUT UP...

WHAT?

HUH?

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HIT ME IN FRONT OF YOUR GIRLFRIEND, ARE YOU?

DO YOU KNOW WHY I'M TRYING TO BECOME A SWORD MASTER?

TO SHORE UP THE WEAKNESSES OF A SORCERER?

YOU'RE NOT AS DUMB AS YOU LOOK.

HEY, THANKS!

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WAIT A SECOND! WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

I SAID, "YOU'RE NOT AS DUMB AS YOU LOOK."

WELL... UH... AS LONG AS I'M NOT AS DUMB AS *YOU* LOOK! HA! TAKE THAT!

UM... YEAH. GOOD ONE.

NYA NA NA NA!

SO ANYWAY, I'M PRACTICING MY FENCING...

...SO I CAN USE MY HOLY SWORD BETTER. ITS POWER IS BASED ON YOUR LEVEL AS A SWORDSMAN.

WITHOUT WARRIOR SKILLS, A SORCERER CAN ONLY USE THE SWORD'S FIRE POWER. EVERY 20 LEVELS AFTER THAT, HE GETS ANOTHER POWER.

SINCE I'M A LEVEL 45 WARRIOR, I CAN USE THE FIRE, WATER AND MIND POWERS. AFTER THAT, IT'S SKY, EARTH AND SPIRIT!

HEY! WAIT A SECOND! IF ARAGON USED HIS SWORD'S SPIRIT POWER, THEN HE'S...

YOU'RE RIGHT!

ARAGON'S A SWORD MASTER!

THAT MEANS...ARADON'S THE FIRST PLAYER TO GET TWO MASTER LEVELS!

HE'S...

...AMAZING...

EH?

ARADON, YOU'RE...

...PURE MAGIC! ♡

ARGH!!

MISS PIRI¢! WHAT DO YOU SEE IN THAT GUY¢!!

ARADON! I'LL GET YOU!!

OH, ARADON! ♡

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! WE WORK OUR TAILS OFF TO CATCH UP WITH ARADON...

...AND HE'S STILL PULLING AWAY FROM US!

HE'S AN ANIMAL.

SIGH

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YEAH, AND THAT'S NOT ALL.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

DUDE IN THE ROBE. BAD JUJU FOR SURE.

COME ON! HE DIDN'T DO A THING!

THAT'S JUST IT. HE DIDN'T DO A THING... BUT HE'S ON ARADON'S TEAM.

SO?

ARADON WOULDN'T SPLIT THE PRIZE MONEY WITH SOMEONE HE DIDN'T NEED, WOULD HE?

I GUESS NOT...

IF ARADON DOES ALL THE FIGHTING, THE OTHER GUY MUST BE SOME KIND OF SECRET WEAPON.

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AND YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE?

NO, ENLIGHTEN ME.

HE REMINDS ME OF YOU.

AND IT'S NOT JUST THE ROBE.

WOON-HA HASN'T STARTED PLAYING, HAS HE?

MY BROTHER? NO WAY.

HE'S SO BUSY TAKING CARE OF THE STORE, HE BARELY HAS TIME TO EAT, LET ALONE FOOL AROUND WITH THIS STUFF.

THAT GUY DOESN'T REALLY LOOK LIKE ME. THE ROBE'S JUST THROWING YOU OFF.

I DON'T KNOW. THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT HIM. SOMETHING LIKE... STATIC.

MAKES THE HAIRS ON MY NECK STAND UP.

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MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT.

THERE *IS* SOMETHING ABOUT HIM.

HE SCARES ME. THE WAY YOU SCARE ME SOMETIMES, AH-DOL.

OR AM I JUST IMAGINING THINGS?

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!

HOW COULD WE POSSIBLY LOSE TO YOU?!

I'M AT LEAST 20 LEVELS HIGHER THAN YOU!!

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IF YOU HAVEN'T FIGURED IT OUT BY NOW, YOU'LL NEVER KNOW.

RIGHT, ALPHA?

WHAT LEVEL ARE YOU, REALLY?

WHAT?

WHAT'S YOUR LEVEL WITHOUT YOUR RING?

HAVE YOU STUDIED CAGLIERRI'S DEFENSE?

HESPHESUS' BATTLE METHOD? THE CURSES OF NEERUI?

WHAT ABOUT THE MAXIMS OF RYTH THE ANCIENT? SURELY YOU'VE GOT A NODDING ACQUAINTANCE...

...WITH BARTHOLOMEW'S COMBAT FOR SPELL CASTERS--IN THE ORIGINAL GURRISH, OF COURSE.

NOPE...

LOOK, JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE GOTTEN A LEVEL BOOST DOESN'T MEAN YOU KNOW HOW TO USE YOUR NEW POWER. IF YOU DON'T SWEAT FOR IT, YOU JUST WON'T GET IT.

OH, WELL, I SEE...

THAT'S WHY YOU GOT SCHOOLED. YOU TRIED TO TAKE A SHORTCUT.

THERE'S NO QUICK WAY TO THE TOP. GOT THAT?

I GUESS...

I'VE HAD ENOUGH!

ARADON'S BUTT IS MINE!

ROTO, STOP! BEWARE THE DARK SIDE!

MISS PIRI, CUT THAT OUT!

ARADON... ♡

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STAGE 26
KILLING TIME

JOHN, ARE YOU REALLY ALL RIGHT?

YOU'RE NOT IN ANY PAIN?

NOPE! GOOD AS NEW.

THAT'S A RELIEF! I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU!

SORRY ABOUT THAT, BUT I COULDN'T THINK OF ANOTHER WAY TO FIND MISS INVISIBLE.

YOU'RE SO BRAVE! I GOT SO SCARED WHEN I COULDN'T HELP YOU!

FORGET ABOUT IT! I'D BE HONORED TO GIVE MY LIFE PROTECTING YOU.

AWW..

IT ALL WORKED OUT. BUT IF THAT ALPHA GUY HADN'T HELPED US, I DON'T THINK JOHN WOULD HAVE MADE IT...

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY TO FIGHT IN THIS NEXT MATCH?

NO SWEAT. AFTER ALL THOSE HEALING PRAYERS, I'M READY FOR ANYTHING.

GOOD, BECAUSE IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE UP AGAINST...

...THAT LITTLE PUNK--ROTO!

I DON'T KNOW WHY HE GETS UNDER MY SKIN LIKE HE DOES...

I DON'T CARE WHAT WE HAVE TO DO. I DON'T CARE IF WE WIN.

IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO, I'M GOING TO MAKE HIM SQUIRM. NO ONE TALKS TO ME LIKE THAT!!

RUNT!

RUNT!

RUNT!

ROTO, FIRST I'LL MAKE YOU BEG FOR MERCY... THEN I'LL MAKE YOU **SCREAM** FOR IT!

THEN I'LL SAW OUT YOUR FILTHY TONGUE AND NAIL IT TO THE CITY GATES SO EVERYONE CAN SEE WHAT GOT YOU IN TROUBLE!

NOT GOING TO BE DOING MUCH BEGGING THEN, IS HE?

YOU'RE RIGHT AND THEN I COULDN'T MAKE HIM LICK MY BOOTS...

HEY, LOOK OVER THERE!

HUH? WHAT?

IN THE WINDOW!

I DON'T SEE ANYTHING.

OH, WAIT!

IT'S ALPHA! THE GUY WHO GAVE US THE ANTIDOTE!

WHAT A WEIRDO! YOU KNOW HE EATS POISON FOR FUN?

THAT SOUNDS KIND OF RELAXING... I GUESS...

IT'S NOT SO STRANGE, RIGHT?

NO, IT'S WEIRD. TRUST ME.

HEY LOOK! I THINK HE'S TRYING TO TELL YOU SOMETHING!

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WHAT DO YOU THINK HE'S SAYING?

I'VE NEVER BEEN ANY GOOD AT CHARADES.

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YOUR HONEY...

...HOW'S...

...HIS STRENGTH?

YOU SPEAK WEIRDO?

NOT REALLY. BUT IN CONTEXT, IT KINDA MAKES SENSE, RIGHT?

I GUESS. NOW FOR A REPLY...

HE'LL NEVER HEAR ME OVER THE CROWD.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M DOING THIS.

HE'S A LOT STRONGER!

WORRY...

...NO MORE.

WHEW! THAT'S A RELIEF! GOOD LUCK IN YOUR MATCH!

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP! WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT!

WHAT A WORKOUT! I THINK I'M GONNA BE SICK!

WAIT, HE'S SAYING SOMETHING ELSE!

FORGET IT!

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ARE YOU READY YET?

SORRY! WE'LL BE OUT IN A MINUTE!

YOU'RE HOLDING UP THE MATCH! GET A MOVE ON!

ROTO! NOW YOU'RE GOING TO GET YOURS!

AND HERE COMES RAPHA AND JOHN! LET'S GIVE THEM A HAND!

RAGGEDY ANN MUST'VE BEEN CATCHING UP ON HER BEAUTY SLEEP.

SHE SHOULD GO BACK TO BED

SHE DOESN'T LOOK TIRED...

TOOK THEM LONG ENOUGH!

THIS TEAM BEAT THE DRAGON MATRIA!

SO YOU KNOW THEY'VE GOT A FEW TRICKS UP THEIR SLEEVES!

BUT TEAM ROTO AND YUREKA ARE NO SLOUCHES EITHER!

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I'VE GOT A FEELING WE STILL HAVEN'T SEEN WHAT THEY CAN REALLY DO!

STOP ACTING SO STUPID!

BUT I'M NOT ACTING... SNIFF...

THE PRESSURE'S ON, FOLKS! WHOEVER WINS HERE ADVANCES TO THE FINALS AND IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO TEN MILLION GOLD AND THE SWORD EXCALIBUR!

RAPHA, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY TO YOUR FANS? WHAT'S YOUR STRATEGY GOING TO BE?

WELL, MY DADDY ALWAYS SAID...

TALK INTO THE MIKE!

"IF IT AIN'T BROKE, DON'T FIX IT!"

JOHN AND I HAVE BEEN TOGETHER FOR SO LONG, WE CAN PRACTICALLY READ EACH OTHER'S MINDS.

AND WE'RE GOING TO SHOW OUR OPPONENTS WHAT THE WORD "TEAMWORK" MEANS!

AND ONE MORE THING! ROTO, YOU KEEP CALLING ME SHORT!

BUT YOU'RE NO TALLER THAN I AM!

AT LEAST LITTLE GIRLS ARE CUTE! LITTLE GUYS ONLY THINK ABOUT COMPENSATING FOR THEIR LACK OF...AHEM... STATURE!

WHOA, GIRL! SAVE IT FOR THE MATCH...

YOU'RE A PUNY LITTLE PUNK, AND YOU KNOW IT! ISN'T THAT RIGHT, PIPSQUEAK?!!

POP

BULGE

PONG

SORRY, THIS IS YOURS...

THAT FELT GOOD. I'M MORE FOCUSED NOW.

THANK YOU, RAPHA... THAT WAS... INTERESTING.

AND NOW I'LL HAND OVER THE MIKE TO...

YOW! MIDGET ON FIRE! MIDGET ON FIRE!

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YUREKA... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO THAT

FANNING THE FLAMES OF HIS PASSION!

HUH?

MY TURN NOW? THANKS!

OWIE!

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HEY, FOLKS! ANYONE HERE FROM NOMAL CITY? I JUST FLEW IN FROM THE DRAGON LANDS, AND BOY ARE MY ARMS TIRED! TRY THE VEAL!

GRACK

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU...

...BUT IF THAT CHIPMUNK-CHEEKED, BEAK-NOSED BRAT IS WHAT YOU CALL CUTE, THEN RAG DOLLS MUST TURN YOU ON!

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ROTO... YOU DIE SOON...

AND IF SHE'S SO DARN CUTE, THEN WHY DOES SHE HAVE TO RENT A PARTNER? NOW I, ON THE OTHER HAND...

...HAVE THIS **100% REAL** HOTTIE BY MY SIDE! AND TO SHOW RAPHA WHAT TEAMWORK IS ALL ABOUT...

...I'M GOING TO LET *HER* DO ALL THE FIGHTING!

He's on his tiptoes.

SHE IS HOT!! THINK THEY'RE GOING OUT?

I WANT A PIECE OF THAT!

LESS BRAGGING! MORE FIGHTING!

SLOWLY... I'M GOING TO KILL HIM SLOWLY...

LEGGO!!

SO THEY ARE DATING AFTER ALL! ROTO TRICKED US!

SHOULD I...

...HAVE JUST SAID THAT?

YOU'RE SO CUTE!

ARGH!

YOWZA!! I CAN'T BREATHE!

OOH, GET A ROOM!

AWW!

MRRPH!

AWW!

GRRURP!

ALL RIGHT, LOVEBIRDS! YOU'VE GOT ALL NIGHT TO MAKE UP. HOW ABOUT WE DO THIS FIGHT THING NOW?

GET GOING BEFORE I LOSE MY LUNCH!

AWW!

SO, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO...

...OUR FIRST SEMIFINAL MATCH STARTS...

...NOW!!

YOU REALLY THINK SHE CAN BEAT A POWERED-UP JOHN?

CAN YOU SORCERERS EVEN KICK DOWN BUFFS?!

KID

SPEED UP!

RESISTANCE UP!

DEXTERITY UP!

HEALING FACTOR UP!

IT'S NOT WHAT I GIVE HER, BUT WHAT I TAKE AWAY.

I DON'T GET ANYTHING? HOW ABOUT AN EGO BOOST?

THAT MAKES NO SENSE!

HOLY CROSS!

YOU'D BETTER COME UP WITH SOMETHING QUICK, BECAUSE...HERE'S JOHNNIE!

HEY, YUREKA...

...REMEMBER THE QUALIFYING MATCH? THE ONE THROUGH THE PORTAL?

UM... NOT REALLY!

WANT TO KNOW WHY NOT?

I'LL TELL YOU IF YOU BRING ME THE FLUFFY BUNNY HIDING BEHIND MR. POOF!

OKAY! I WUV BUNNIES! C'MERE, WIDDLE BUNNY!

CAREFUL, JOHN!!

FALLEN HEROES, HEAR THE VALKYRIE'S CRY! WITH THE RED RAGE OF BATTLE, BIND THIS MAIDEN'S EYES...

WHERE MANNERS MILD BEFORE HAD LURKED, MAKE HER GO...BERSERK!!

...?!!!

GRRRRR...

DON'T LOOK NOW, PARTY PEOPLE, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THIS WALLFLOWER'S JUST COME OUT OF HER SHELL!

WHO WANTS TO DANCE?!

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STAGE 27
YOU HIT LIKE A GIRL. HARD.

THAT'S DESPICABLE! ROTO, YOU'RE HORRIBLE!

HOW CUTE. THE BERSERK SPELL.

USE IT ON A GROUP OF MOBS AND THEY'LL TURN ON THEIR COMRADES, TEARING EACH OTHER TO PIECES...

...WITHOUT YOU HAVING TO LIFT A FINGER.

YOU JUST HOPE THEY DON'T NOTICE YOU IN THE PROCESS.

'CAUSE IF THEY DO, THE WHOLE PACK TURNS ON YOU. AND THEN THEY'LL FIGHT WITHOUT A THOUGHT FOR THEIR OWN LIVES.

I'D NEVER THOUGHT OF USING IT ON A PLAYER, MUCH LESS AN ALLY. SEEMS KIND OF... SELFISH.

EXACTLY. MESSING WITH YOUR PARTNER'S INHIBITIONS ISN'T WHAT I'D CALL CONSIDERATE, OR EVEN SMART.

BESIDES, IF SHE DROPS HER GUARD, LIKE MOST BERSERKERS DO, A SKILLED OPPONENT WILL CAPITALIZE ON THAT!!

I DON'T KNOW IF ROTO THOUGHT OF THAT.

...OR IF HE CARES. I'D SAY HE'S SACRIFICING HER...

EH

OK

...!!

YAAAIIIRRREEE!!

MOUNTAIN TROLLS DON'T HIT THAT HARD!

HOW CAN A LITTLE GIRL PACK THAT KIND OF PUNCH!

JOHN! LISTEN TO ME!

THE SPELL SHE'S UNDER TAKES AWAY HER SELF-PRESERVATION INSTINCT! HER GUARD WILL SLIP!

BLOCK AND COUNTER, AND SHE'LL GIVE YOU AN OPENING!

UH... I'LL WORK ON THAT.

ZZZZ

SHE'S FASTER THAN ME, STRONGER THAN ME...

...BUT IF SHE'S LOST HER WITS, THEN I CAN BEAT HER.

CLAW BLAST!

...?!!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

HOW'D SHE BLOCK THAT?

THUNDER BLADE!

YIIIEE!!

SHE SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO BLOCK THAT!

ARGH!!

MAYBE SHE DIDN'T GET THE MEMO...

I DON'T GET IT!

HEY, RAPHA! LIKE THE NEW, HEARTLESS YUREKA? I DO.

WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER?

I JUST TWISTED THE BERSERK SPELL AROUND A BIT.

WATERED IT DOWN, REALLY. IT ADDS A WHOLE NEW DIMENSION TO THE SPELL, DON'T YOU THINK?

WITH HER STATS, YUREKA COULD BE ONE OF THE GAME'S TOP WARRIORS, IF SHE COULD JUST LEARN TO STOP SYMPATHIZING WITH HER OPPONENTS.

ONCE I FIGURED OUT WHAT THE PROBLEM WAS, THE SOLUTION WAS SIMPLE.

BY TWEAKING THE SPELL SO THAT SHE'S STILL GOT A SLIVER OF SELF-PRESERVATION INSTINCT LEFT...

...BUT **ZERO COMPASSION**, I MAY HAVE JUST CREATED THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR!

I LOVE PLAYING GOD!

YOU BASTARD!

YOU TURNED HER INTO AN ANIMAL!

AND YOUR BOY TOY...

WRONG! SHE'S A U.S.D.A-APPROVED GRADE-A KILLING MACHINE!

...WILL BE HER NEXT VICTIM!

DON'T LET HIM PSYCH YOU OUT, JOHN! YOU'RE STILL TWICE THE FIGHTER SHE IS!

WATCH HOW SHE'S OVER-COMMITTING ON HER ATTACKS! TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT!

GOT IT!

OH, COME ON! YOU'RE BEAT. JUST LIE DOWN AND DIE ALREADY!

YUREKA KILL!

NOTHING MAKES A WOMAN MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN BLOODLUST. AND THEY SPEND ALL THAT MONEY ON MAKEUP...

I'VE GOT ONE SHOT AT THIS...

IF I SCREW UP, WE'RE BOTH DEAD MEAT!

EY

YOK

YOK

YOK

FLOOF

DRAGON'S TAIL!

NICE TRY! BUT THERE'S NO WAY SHE'S GOING OUT LIKE THAT!

I'M AWARE.

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BUT HOW LONG WILL I NEED TO TAKE OUT AN OPPONENT LIKE YOU?

OR DO YOU THINK YOU'RE MY MATCH WHEN IT COMES TO COLD STEEL?

YUREKA!! GET DOWN HERE QUICK!

BLAST! HERE SHE COMES!

SWORD...

...PULSE WAVE!!

UGH!!

JOHN!!

WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT?!

WAIT A SECOND...! ROW PULLED THAT TRICK LAST MATCH!.

PULSE WAVE!!

I DIDN'T SEE HER PRACTICING IT. AND I DIDN'T TEACH IT TO HER.

COULD SHE HAVE PICKED IT UP JUST BY WATCHING IT?

YUREKA! YOU'RE FULL OF SURPRISES!

I STILL WANT TO KNOW JUST WHAT YOU ARE...

...AND WHERE YOU CAME FROM.

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YOU SURE DO COME IN HANDY, THOUGH!

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT, FOLKS!

THAT BLAST WAS SO STRONG, IT QUARTERED THE RING!

IT'S JUST ONE POWER MOVE AFTER ANOTHER OUT THERE!

COULD THEY BE HITTING ANY HARDER?

DON'T ENCOURAGE THEM!

AND THE MATCH STILL ISN'T OVER!

THOUGH IT LOOKS LIKE JOHN AND RAPHA HAVE THEIR BACKS UP AGAINST THE ROPES!

HOW COME YUREKA NEVER FOUGHT LIKE THAT WHEN SHE WAS WITH US?

I'M IMPRESSED. I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT. SHE'S FIGHTING LIKE A DEMON.

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THERE'S ONE THING I STILL DON'T GET...

GOING TOLEAVE ME IN SUSPENSE?

HOW CAN SHE BE THAT STRONG? IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

THE BERSERK SPELL SHOULDN'T AMPLIFY HER STRENGTH THAT MUCH.

MAYBE IT'S HER WEAPONS?

DOUBT IT.

THEY'RE JUNK.

TWO FOR THIRTY GOLD AT ANY BLADESMITH'S.

QUITE THE BARGAIN.

THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE GOING ON.

SOMETHING STRANGE. I'LL HAVE TO KEEP MY EYE ON THAT ONE.

IF I DON'T FINISH THIS QUICKLY, MY BUFFS ARE GOING TO WEAR OFF.

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SO, CRAZY WEATHER WE'RE HAVING, HUH?

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WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM? CAN'T YOU SEE I'M BUSY?!

RELAX. YOU'LL LIVE LONGER!

I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU.

IF IT'S SMALLER THAN A BREADBOX...

...KEEP IT TO YOURSELF!

HEH! NOTHING LIKE THAT.

IS IT GETTING HOT IN HERE, OR IS IT JUST ME?

YOU THINK YOUR PUNY LITTLE FIREBALL'S GOING TO BREAK THIS SHIELD?

I DON'T CARE IF YOU *ARE* MASTER-LEVEL--

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!!

HE DESTROYED MY SHIELD WITH A...A FIREBALL?

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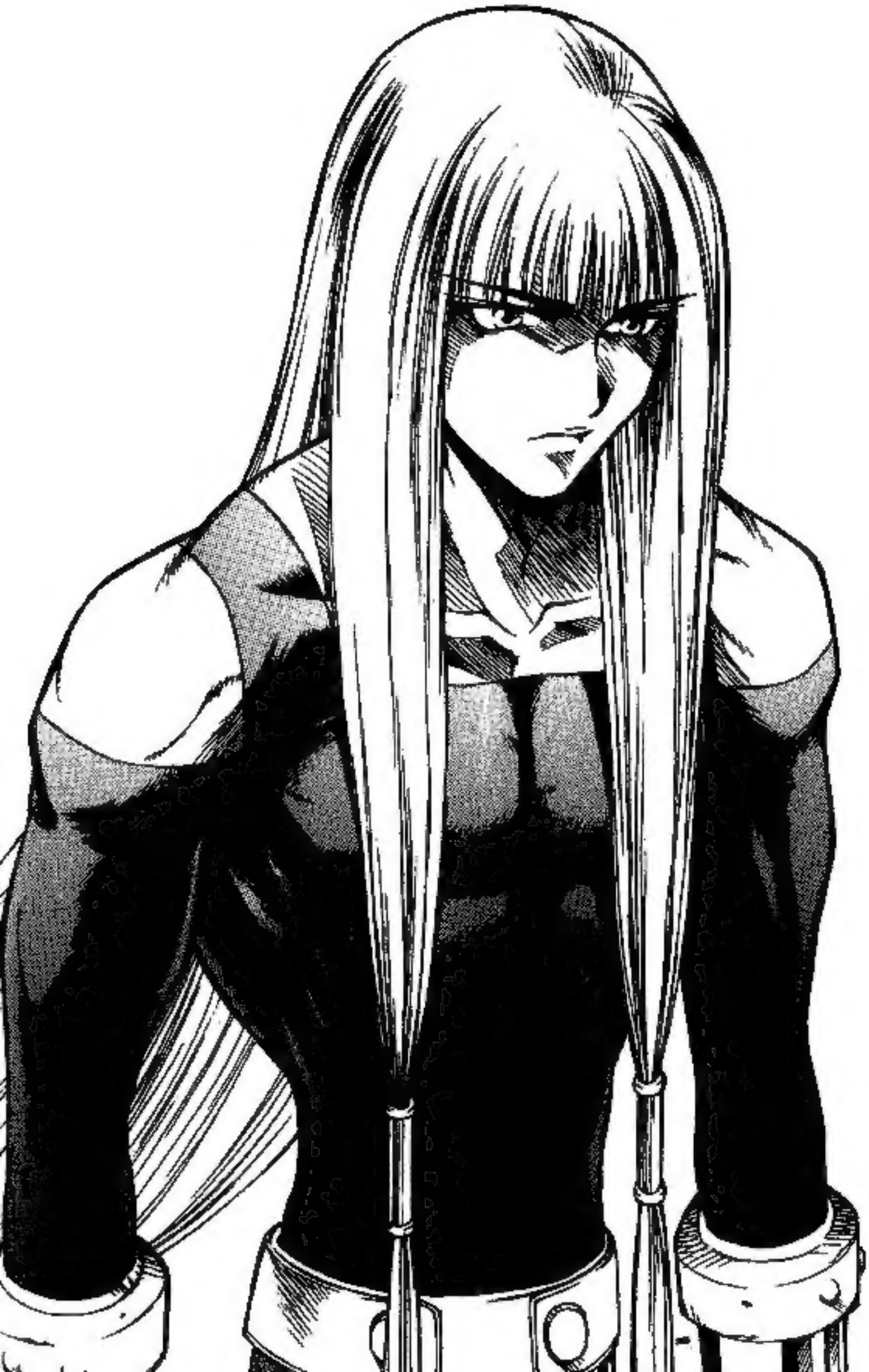

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